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New Ordinance on Meetings, Parades Tabled for Study, Written Opinions

by Sid Kastner

The public meeting ordinance and the parade ordinance, which have been the subject of much discussion through several council meetings, came up again for second reading last Monday night. Because of some criticism, alternate ordinances to both of these were also presented by the city manager and assistant solicitor.

The alternate public meeting ordinance does not require a permit to hold a meeting as did the original; instead, persons wishing to reserve public space for meetings are required to follow certain procedures to obtain a reservation. The alternate parade ordinance contains amendments suggested by council members, and was recommended for actual passage by city manager, James Giese.

The original public meeting ordinance was quickly voted down by council, leaving the new alternate to be discussed. Albert Herling felt that the definition of "public meeting" was still vague and thought the ordinance as a whole was too cumbersome in its requirements. Assistant city solicitor Melvin Powell agreed that briefness

A New Benchmark?

Commenting on the difficulties of acquiring a permit for use of a public area, Councilman William Hoff queried, "Did you ever try to reserve a park bench in Rock Creek Park?"

A wag from the audience, (who shall remain nameless), teased, "I thought you were too old for that!"

Hoff quickly rejoined, "I meant a picnic table."

was desirable, but stated that "a parade or public meeting is a state of mind" — there existed no legal definitions. Louis Pohoryles suggested this would mean that the ordinance probably would not be upheld in court.

Councilman Francis White moved to table the ordinance and refer it to the State Attorney's office for an opinion on its enforceability. Giese expressed perplexity, saying "it doesn't ever have to go to court, because it doesn't enforce anything." A discussion followed on whether the ordinance should involve a penalty; Charles Schwan noted "since we're on a very tricky subject of freedom of speech, any talk of penalties should be avoided — otherwise the city manager would be in the position of being a censor." Howard Lastner expressed appreciation for the work of council members and staff but concurred with Schwan that penalties should not be involved.

Central Issues

This question of penalty, and the definition of "public meeting", appeared to be the central issues raised and defended during the discussion. Giese stated "I don't think you can make the definition of a public meeting so concise and clear that it's unambiguous. He also felt it was not the place of the State's Attorney to give opinions on city ordinances.

Mayor Smith essentially agreed with him on this point, asking, however, whether present laws were not already sufficient to handle the situation. Councilman Pilski demurred at this, expressing the opinion that a "tremendous amount of time" had been spent on the ordinance and that it should now be passed. Finally, however, White's original motion was passed, 3 to 2, to table the ordinance and obtain written opinions from the city solicitor and the State Attorney's office.

The alternate parade ordinance followed a parallel course, being

Expect Hearing Soon On Need for Parkland

Sometime toward the end of the month, the Prince Georges Circuit Court is expected to hear the arguments of the owners of parcels 9, 10, 11, and 12 that the city has no need for additional parkland. The city has filed condemnation suits to acquire 4 parcels totaling 22 acres located around Greenbelt Lake, and jury trial dates have been set for March 7 and 14 to determine the purchase price of the land.

A motion by the city requesting a summary judgment to dismiss a suit challenging the condemnation of land on the basis of city need, was denied by Circuit Court Judge Samuel Meloy on Thursday, January 26. Thus, the city's need for additional parkland will have to be ruled on before the scheduled jury trials.

A summary judgment motion, to be successful, requires that there be no disputable facts. Judge Meloy ruled that there were disputable facts since the city's affidavit of facts and the defendant's affidavit of facts used different population figures.

The owners, Crescent Leasing Corporation for parcels 9 and 10, and Charles Bresler and associates for parcels 11 and 12, contended in their brief, that there is an abundance of park and open space in the immediate and surrounding Greenbelt area, referring to the 1,100 acres of the Mission, 66 Regional Park and 106 acres of parkland owned directly by the City of Greenbelt. In addition, reference was made to extensive park area located within less than 30 minutes traveling distance.

Deficit of Parkland

The city in its brief noted that the National Recreation and Parks Association recommends a minimum of 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons population, excluding regional, state, and national park lands. Under this standard, the city now has a deficit of 2.42 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons, assuming a current population of 14,000. With an ultimate projected population of 35,000 and no additional parkland acquired, the city forfeits a deficit of 7 acres per 1,000 persons, or a total shortage of 244 acres of parkland.

The owners reply that there is no accurate count of present population and that in 1963 the estimate of population was 8,175. Furthermore, they say that master plans for the city are being disputed and "there is no basis for the projected population as set forth by the city of Greenbelt."

Crescent Leasing Corporation also contends that parcels 9 and 10 are to be used for a city warehouse and not park purposes.

The city has received an open-space grant of \$167,575 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in the purchase of land. The city council voted to engage in the open space program after the electorate approved a referendum by more than 5 to 1 in favor of a \$250,000 bond issue to finance the purchase of land.

tabled by a vote of 3 to 2, but its discussion took a far shorter time.

AGENDA

City Council
Continuation Meeting
February 13, 1967
8 p.m.

for consideration of unfinished agenda items of February 8 regular meeting.

III OLD BUSINESS

- 14 Appointments to Boards
- 15 Covenants & Agreements Charlestowne Village
- 16 Golden Triangle Appeal
- 17 Open Space Land Acquisition

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 18 Resolution expressing appreciation to Rev. Wyatt
- 19 Resolution to accept portions of Springhill Drive and Cherry Wood Lane into city road system
- 20 State legislation
- 21 Request to preserve historical oak tree

Appeals Court Rules Against City's Suit

The Maryland Court of Appeals has upheld the lower court's dismissal of the city's suit against Twentieth Century Investments, Inc. (Theodore Lerner and Associates) objecting to high-density development of 25 acres on Charlestowne Village tract. The court supported the position of T. Hammond Welsh, attorney for Lerner, that Twentieth Century is not bound by the 1962 covenants signed by Charles Bresler (when he owned the land) on grounds that foreclosure on the 25 acres effectively destroyed the covenants. The University Square Apartments (494 units) are now being constructed on the tract.

City attorneys, Ginsberg and Ginsberg of Baltimore, had entered no objections to the dismissal because (1) the city had not appealed the Circuit Court decision of June 3 within the necessary 30-day limit, and (2) Lerner was a bonafide purchaser and, therefore, not subject to the covenant.

The 25 acres involved (Parcels D, E and F) were foreclosed by Suburban Trust Company and then bought at auction by Lunar Development Co. Inc. in June 1965. Subsequently, in October 1965 the land was purchased by Twentieth Century with Charles Bresler as the real estate broker for the sale, according to city solicitor Thomas Brooks.

Appeal on other 25 acres

The other 25 acres owned by Bresler are still in litigation. The city's appeal was taken within the 30-day limit and its brief will be submitted to the Maryland Court of Appeals sometime this week. The city is contesting the decision of the Circuit Court that the covenants and agreements entered into by Bresler in April 1962 were not legally enforceable since they were conditioned upon the city's making favorable zoning recommendations.

The covenants call for limiting the density to 7 units per acre and for construction to be in conformity with R-30 zoning, which prohibits high-rise apartments. Bresler is constructing a 178-unit high-rise apartment on the tract which already has 144 existing Charlestowne Village units.

Agnew Meets With Delegates About Bresler Appointment

To a full house attending last Monday's Greenbelt city council meeting, Mayor Edgar L. Smith reported that a 7-man delegation from the General Assembly had met on Monday afternoon with Governor Spiro T. Agnew for 45 minutes to discuss the appointment of Charles Bresler as National Relations Officer and the Governor's liaison representative for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

Smith stated that he had received word following the meeting from State Senators Meyer Emanuel, Jr., and Edward Conroy that the Governor wanted a few days to give full study to the matter. Out of respect to the Governor, the Senators requested that the city declare a moratorium on further activities protesting the appointment until the Governor had been heard from. (Smith's announcement was televised on the 11 p.m. report on WBAL-TV — Channel 11).

The council stated that it would abide by the Senators' request but in reply to an inquiry from the floor made it clear that it would take further action if nothing was forthcoming within a reasonable time. Councilman Dick Pilski said that the council would be remiss if, after the tremendous turnout at the January 30 protest meeting, it did not follow up on the matter and seek a satisfactory solution.

Protest Snowballing

Opposition to Bresler, a developer with large Greenbelt land holdings, has been snowballing since announcement of his appointment was made on January 17. It culminated in the passage of a city council resolution calling on Agnew to "reconsider and rescind" his appointment. The resolution was adopted at a special public meeting on January 30, attended by nearly 500 citizens who unanimously approved the action.

Earlier in the week civic leaders talked of a 100-car caravan to Annapolis to deliver the city's protest. Plans are still being readied for such a caravan; the leaders said, in case no satisfactory solution is reached.

Menes, Simonson on TV

In addition to Emanuel and Conroy, the delegation meeting with the Governor included Prince Georges County Delegates Pauline Menes, Arthur Dorman, Andrew Mothershead, and Bernard Donovan and State Senator Royal Hart.

Mrs. Menes, appearing in a televised interview on WBAL earlier in the day, suggested that Bresler divest himself of his land holdings in Greenbelt. She noted that opposition in Greenbelt came from Republicans and Democrats alike and stemmed from Bresler's land activities in the city.

Cliff Simonson, former Greenbelt councilman, also appeared on WBAL television and emphasized that Bresler's activities in Greenbelt have demonstrated his inability to recognize the public interest, let alone serve it. He said that

if Bresler's record in Greenbelt has any relationship to his activities in Annapolis, he will be a serious liability to Agnew's administration.

Opposition to the Bresler appointment has also appeared outside of Greenbelt. At the February 2 meeting of the Prince Georges County Civic Federation, a resolution was approved without dissent to petition the Governor to rescind the appointment. Mayor Smith, who introduced the resolution, said that Bresler "has left a trail of broken promises." He said he feared Bresler may demonstrate "the same breach of faith" in the State job.

City Notes

Two repair projects in town are awaiting action by the WSSC. Following numerous complaints from neighborhood residents about a rough job of patching a utility cut in the pavement at Ridge and Westway, the city passed on the complaint to WSSC. That organization, in turn, has promised to contact the subcontractor in charge of the work and require a better repair of the street surface.

The second job involving the WSSC involves repair of the heating plant for the stores in the Center. When excavation was made there some weeks ago, it was discovered that water was leaking on the heating pipes. For some time the cause of the leak was not determined, but WSSC now acknowledged that the leak comes from a water main and has agreed to have it repaired shortly. After that repair work is done, the plumber hired by the manager of the commercial properties will return to finish repair of the steam lines and close over the excavations.

During last week the Public Works Dept. did a number of assorted jobs around the city. They repaired several catch basins for storm sewers which the heavy rain of the previous week had caused to overflow. They cleaned and graded shoulders along Edmonston and Crescent Rds. They patched chuckholes in several locations. They raked leaves in some of the playground areas. They also replaced two broken light fixtures in the north parking lot in the Center.

No black-topping is now planned for the newly patched pavement at the Southway-Crescent bus stop. The Public Works Dept. is instead experimenting with a method used in Washington, D.C., to pave major bus stops entirely with concrete. The Southway bus stop measures 9 by 52 feet. As soon as feasible, a similar bus stop pavement will be laid at Gardenway and Crescent.

The local duck population is nearly depleted. Last summer many ducks died from what was diagnosed as botulism, and others have been dying off this winter.

G.H.I. Orientation Meeting

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is planning a Member Orientation Meeting for all members. The event will take place February 21, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. in the Social Hall of the Community Church. This informative meeting will be followed by a social. Door prizes will be awarded with only those members in attendance being eligible. All members are urged to attend.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Feb. 9, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Friday, Feb. 10, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospital-ity Room
Monday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting.

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CORRECTION

To the Editor:

Please correct the inaccurate quote of what I said at the GHI board meeting, reported in the February 2, 1967 issue:

The quote should have been: "That the new homes should be sold back to the corporation at what the members paid for them, since no risk was involved in their purchase, plus the fact that they were heavily subsidized by the general membership."

The saving to the member purchasing them would be in the greatly reduced monthly charges over what the same house would cost to operate if brought privately."

Seymour Kaplan

"Our Own Strong Feelings"

To the Editor:

Governor Agnew has requested that Greenbelt give him a reasonable period to make his decision.

Until this decision is forthcoming we must continue with our effort to inform the Governor, our Delegates, and our Senators of our own strong feelings concerning Mr. Bresler's appointment. We should also work hard to make certain that our friends elsewhere in the County and State do the same.

Leo Gerton

James F. Brown

James F. Brown, 9012 51st Ave., College Park, died on February 2. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and five children. Brown, a Greenbelt Homes Inspector, had been employed by the corporation since 1953. He was a member of the Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park.

Northway Sidewalk Needed

To the Editor:

There is some agitation on Northway these days. The Woodland Co-op is of the opinion that GHI should put a path on its land, on which there are soon to be two houses. This path does not appear on the Park and Planning Commission's map, except further down on Northway, between two houses already there.

Come on, you people — surely this is an attempt to cloud the issue! The real need is for a SIDEWALK on Northway between Hillside and Crescent.

Many people in Greenbelt like to travel Northway to and from playgrounds, schools, and school buses. This includes Junior and Senior high school students as well as elementary school children. I wonder when the lack of a sidewalk on Northway will cause the end to Greenbelt's perfect safety record?

The path the Northway citizens propose is not the answer. The woody route behind the houses is ridiculous — muddy, and contains a large hole. Walking in the middle of the street (because of parked cars) is no solution.

A sidewalk is the only realistic provision for pedestrian safety and the poor drivers' nerves.

I think it's about time the City of Greenbelt provides one.

Denise M. Sutton

Local Boys Mormon Missionaries in UK

Three local boys, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, are now overseas in the British Isles, doing missionary work for their church. They are Don and Lowell Billings, 19-year old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Billings, 10-R Plateau Pl., and Stephen Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Hill, 45-P Ridge.

Don is located in Belfast, Ireland, Lowell in Brighton, England, and Stephen in London. All three boys will be serving for two years, without pay except for transportation home when their work is finished. According to Mrs. Billings, the boys are "thoroughly enjoying their work and have been successful in converting many people to the Mormon faith."

NO CHANGE IN PET ORDINANCE

Last Monday's council meeting featured the final round in the battle between supporters and opponents of the inclusion of cats in Greenbelt's pet-control ordinance. The altercation started with a petition, several months ago, in which cat owners asked City Council to amend the present animal control ordinance to permit well-behaved, licensed cats to run at large; the cat-lovers were opposed by a group of people who declared their stand was not so much anti-cat per se, but pro-bird, pro-children and pro-be-able-to-sleep-at-night.

Monday night's discussion gave the impression that there are two different species of cat in Greenbelt: there are clean, well-controlled, spayed - altered, non-smelly, non-screaming cats; and there are tree-climbing, bird-killing, squawling - at - night cats which spray other folks' yards with an offensive odor and are unable to differentiate between the sandboxes of children and their own private bathroom facilities.

City Ordinance #458, passed in December 1960, provides for the control of all animals other than caged birds or fish, stating that they should be controlled at all times when outside "under the immediate and effective control of a responsible person."

Katherine Keene, acknowledging that some cats are a nuisance because they are uncontrolled, offered five recommendations for dealing with the town's feline population—1) cats should be confined indoors at night, 2) cats with collars and tags should not be impounded, 3) unlicensed cats should be impounded, 4) misbehavior of unlicensed cats should be reported to the animal warden, who should inform the owner of the offense in writing and give the owner a chance to mend his ways, and 5) the license fee for an un-neutered male should be the same (\$5) as for an unspayed female.

Pro-cat Views

Some representative pro-cat views: "Greenbelt once had a rat problem and cats are necessary" — "The present ordinance is unenforceable as far as cats are concerned" — "Cats are not like dogs; they cannot get proper exercise on a leash" — "If I put up a fence that would keep my cat in the yard, my home would look like a prison" — "Cats cannot be leashed and let loose since they climb trees and can be strangled" — "Those cats that are nuisances should be treated as individual cases and be reported to the animal warden."

Some representative anti-cat views: "I am kept awake at night by squalling, prowling cats" — "My yard, though fenced, is dug up by my neighbor's cat" — "The police do nothing when I complain" — "I cannot open my windows for the stench of the cats" — "Cats should be belled for the protection of birds" — "Are we considering the rights of animals and forgetting the rights of individuals?" — "I turn the hose on cats in my yard in summertime, but what do I do in the winter?"

The anti-cat people won the day and the ordinance stands unchanged.

Tidbits

Ed. Ross of Boxwood Village brought up the matter of construction equipment being parked on the stripped Parcel 7 adjacent to Boxwood Village and across from Greenbelt Lake. City Manager James K. Giese has written a letter to Mr. Baker of the Prince Georges County Inspection Department requesting him to look into the matter for possible zoning violations. No building permits have been taken out on the tract which is zoned residential.

Brotherhood Services

Combined brotherhood services will be held on Friday, Feb. 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center with Reverend Kenneth Wyatt of Community Church delivering the sermon and Rabbi Maurice Weissenberg of the Jewish Community Center and Reverend Perry Miller of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church participating.

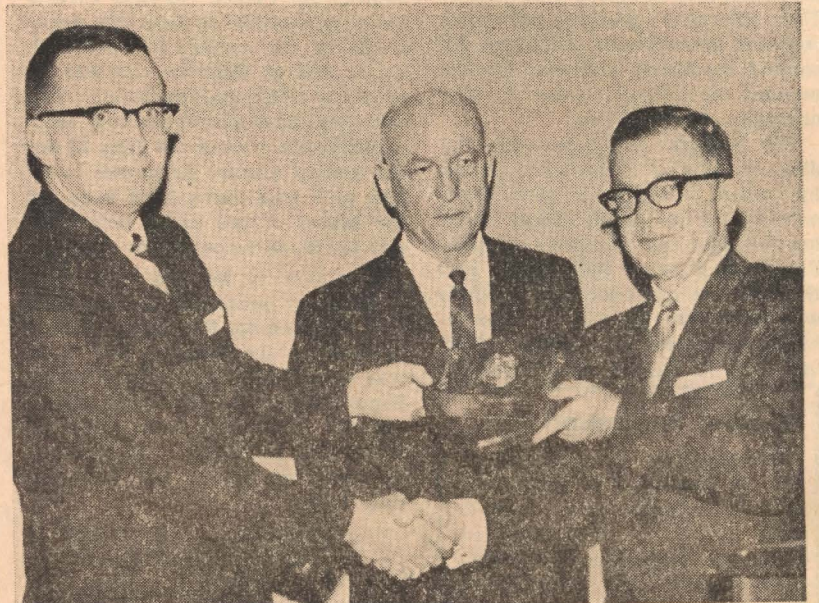
On Sunday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m., services will be held at the Community Church with Rabbi Maurice Weissenberg delivering the sermon. The public is invited.

1967 GREAT DECISIONS

"Communist China and the U.S." heads the list of eight topics which will form the basis of 1967's Great Decisions discussion programs sponsored annually by the Foreign Policy Association. Prince Georges County Memorial Library will have four such discussion groups; in Greenbelt, one of the groups will be held at Center Elementary School, February 14, 21, 28 and March 2, 9, 17, 23, 30, from 8-9:30 p.m. (every Tuesday). These are the topics for 1967: Communist China and the U.S., India and Pakistan, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and Rumania, Spread of Nuclear Weapons, New Deal in Chile, NATO in Crisis, The War on Hunger.

Don Evans

Don Evans, 19-U Ridge, died last week. He is survived by his wife, Shirley and four children, Don Jr., Mary Jo, Martin and Paul. Evans was active in the community and well known for his work with Little League.



Shown above is PFC Paul Reamy receiving an award from Congressman Hervey Machen after being named Outstanding Police Officer in the county. Looking on is Michael Mulligan, president of the Policemen's Association of Prince Georges County.

Reamy, a Greenbelt resident, began his police career as a desk clerk in 1956. Later he became an officer on the force and last April was promoted from patrolman to patrolman 1st class.

At last Monday's City Council meeting, Mayor Edgar Smith honored PFC Reamy and read the citation for the benefit of citizens present.

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AND NURSERY



Recreation Review

by Darald G. Lofgren
Director of Recreation
Teen Club Chatter

The Soulmen, a Greenbelt band, will provide dance music for the Teen Club Sat., Feb. 11, from 8 - 11 p.m. School clothes will be the dress code. Members will be charged one-half admission price.

Next week the McConkey Brothers, accompanied by the Mystic Knights, will be on the program.

Poetry Hour

Boys and girls in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are invited to join the Poetry Hour on Fridays at 4 p.m. in the Center School Library. The group will meet this Friday, Feb. 10, and alternate Fridays thereafter.

Women's Sports 'n Shorts

Tuesday night, 8 - 10 p.m., is ladies' night at the Youth Center. Mrs. Ann Brown will be on hand to supervise exercises, volleyball, basketball, roller skating and trampolines. There is no charge — come on down, bring a friend.

Dog Obedience

Classes for Dog Obedience will begin Thursday, Feb. 23 from 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you would like to enroll your dog for a 10 week course, call the Department, 474-6878 for a registration form.

Men's County Basketball League
Greenbelt lost its first game, Sunday night, to Seat Pleasant by 2 points. Next week, we play Lustine Chevrolet at 7:15 p.m. All games are played on Sunday nights at Bladensburg Senior High School. Greenbelt players are needed, badly, to play in this league. If you would like to join our team, call 474-6878.

Golden Age Club

by Allan Morrison

The Club is indebted to Mrs. Sutton, social director of the Springhill Lake Apartments. Last Wednesday the club members were royally treated by Mrs. Sutton to a meeting at the Springhill Lake Community Building at which she served refreshments and furnished bus transportation to and from Greenbelt. Sixty-six members were present to enjoy this hospitality. The community building is modern in every respect and the scenery adjoining it is beautiful. This was a day to be remembered.

Three new applicants were presented for membership. A newly-elected Vacation Committee will meet Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. to discuss summer trips. Places under consideration are: Longwood Gardens, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Luray Caverns, Hershey Park, and Williamsburg. Members joining now will enjoy the benefits of the trips selected.

The 1967 carnival date will be set at this meeting. Visitors are always welcome at the weekly meeting held at the Youth Center on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The Girl Scouts of Greenbelt will entertain the club on Washington's Birthday.

P. G. Co. Softball Leagues

The first organizational meeting for the Prince Georges County Recreation Department Fast Pitch Softball League will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Department Building at 4803 Riverdale Road, Riverdale.

The first meeting for the Slow Pitch Softball League will be held at the Riverdale Recreation Building on Somerset, Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. All interested personnel are invited. For information, call Si Lovell, 864-6292.

LITTLE LEAGUERS

by Jerry Shafer

Little League was greatly saddened by the sudden passing of our Farm Director, Don Evans. For the past two years he has done a remarkable job of improving our farm program. He was able to field three teams with a 12 game schedule for the boys. His work was greatly aided by his very understanding family, who seemed to make this job a family affair. His endless and unheralded efforts will be greatly missed this season.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Mrs. Evans and family during this period of sadness. Our prayers are with you all.

As of this writing we are greatly in need of Little League and Minor League coaches.

"Postal Customers Bill of Rights"

A new Bill of Rights was proclaimed Thursday, Jan. 26, and will be displayed in every post office, on orders of Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien.

1. A neat, clean counter on which to transact business.
2. Service by a well-groomed, neat window employee.
3. A friendly greeting that expresses a desire to assist.
4. Knowledgeable, well-informed, interested window personnel to help with postal needs.
5. Prompt, alert and efficient service.
6. Competent and correct information on inquiries.
7. An attitude that reflects helpfulness, patience and congeniality.
8. The courtesy and tact that would be expected from a friend.
9. Polite referral to another window or individual, when necessary, to give the appropriate service.
10. A feeling, upon leaving, that the post office is glad to serve and help at all times.

Greenbelt Postmaster Emory Harman said that the "Bill of Rights" will improve relations with customers and make service more efficient. He also urged Greenbelt residents to assist in this effort by stating their needs clearly and having money and any necessary filled-out forms ready for transactions.

CubScout Pack 746

The Cub Scouts from Pack 746 held their annual Awards Night last Friday.

Hoyt Matthai received the Webelos certificate and graduated into the Boy Scouts. Nils Winkler received his Lion badge. Jeff Douglas, Sterling Tropp, Clifford Hanna and David Feeney received their Bear Badges. Marty Rousseau received his Wolf badge. And Kevin Foster was inducted as a Bob cat. The Arrowpoint awards were:

Lion Gold and Silver - Nils Winkler; Bear Gold and Silver - Jeff Douglas; Bear Gold and 2 Silver - Sterling Tropp; Bear Gold and 3 Silver - Clifford Hanna; Bear Gold - David Feeney.

Two new transfers and their parents were introduced by Mr. Hanna. They are David Pizzi and Christopher Padgett.

Each cub carves, paints and puts together his own car for the Pinewood Derby race. This year's Grand Champion is 8 year old Michael Gemeney, who was presented with a Pinewood Derby Trophy. Other winners were: first place - Johnny, and Kenneth Shock; second place - Patrick Barton, Cliff Hanna, Michael Foster. The winning cars are on display along with other Cub Achievements in the window of the Ben Franklin store this week.

A Blue and Gold Banquet for Fathers and Sons will be held at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church from 5-7:30 on Sat. March 4. This event celebrates the Birthday of Scouting.

Baltimore Bullets Tickets

The Baltimore Bullets are cooperating with the Maryland Recreation and Park Society by co-sponsoring the annual college scholarship fund raising drive. On Friday, Feb. 17, at the Baltimore Civic Center at 8:30 p.m., the Bullets will play St. Louis. The pre-game show will include a game between Baltimore College of Commerce and Strayer College at 5:30 p.m.; at 7 p.m., the Baltimore Bar Association will play a 30-minute fun game, and at 7:30 p.m., the Baltimore Old Timers (past great Baltimore Pro Players) will play for 30 minutes.

All tickets are for general admission seats, and are good for any Bullets game. They can be purchased from the Greenbelt Recreation Director at the Youth Center.

FIRE PREVENTION TIP FOR FEBRUARY

by Joseph Wenrich
FIRES: WASTEFUL, AVOIDABLE

The most effective way to fight fire is to prevent its starting. This good advice is often heard but too little heeded. The unhappy results of this failure to heed are recorded annually in the fire losses of the United States and Canada.

In these two countries, more than 1600 homes are destroyed or damaged by fire each day, in many instances with tragic loss of life. Fire strikes nearly 500 industrial and commercial places each day, and in addition to the waste of physical resources, there are incalculable costs in temporary or permanent loss of jobs and frequent business failures.

We have an unfortunate habit of dismissing most fires as "accidents," a sort of visitation of bad luck which somehow was unavoidable. But how unavoidable—or unpredictable—is the fire started by a carelessly discarded cigarette, or overloaded and defective electric wiring, or poorly maintained heating and cooking equipment?

Yet, as shown by National Fire Protection Association studies, these and similar, uncomplicated causes are responsible for the great majority of fires.

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City Digs Out of 1-ft Snow

by David Stern

A 12-inch snowfall, starting Monday Feb. 6 and reaching its peak early the following morning, kept city crews busy around the clock. Long after the snow stopped, which was around noon-time Tuesday, city crews continued to plow the streets, clean parking lots and shovel the walks in the commercial center.

A fleet of seven vehicles carried out the plowing operations. Five of them - four trucks (two of which suffered mechanical trouble in the course of their work) and a jeep - were veterans of last year's snowstorm. The other two are newcomers: a new heavy-duty truck, more powerful than the one which the city had previously owned and which it replaces, and a small "Scout", serving as mobile headquarters to the city's public works superintendent Albert ("Buddy") Attick, who supervised the operation. Each truck carried a crew of two, a driver and a "co-pilot" to supervise the plow and help guide the driver among the drifts. Though crews changed throughout the emergency, there were on the average 6-10 people engaged in plowing and, in the daytime, about half a dozen shovelling snow at the center.

When the snow began, around 9 p.m., city crews started salting the roads. By 1:30, however, the snow accumulated too much for this method to be effective, and the crews switched to plowing. One truck was assigned full-time to Springhill Lake, and managed to keep the roads there open to their full width. In last year's blizzard the city experienced considerable difficulties in this location: due to the heaviness of the snowfall at that time, streets could be cleared only in part of their width, and that was rapidly clogged by car owners who dug out their vehicles from the snowbound parking lots and moved them to what appeared to be much more convenient parking spots on the cleared roads. No such problems arose this year.

No Garbage Collection

Most businesses were open in spite of the snow, and city offices were operating as usual. No garbage was picked up, however, since collection crews were enlisted in the snow removal; the city plans to catch up with the delayed pickups as soon as possible. Several small emergencies developed, such as when a truck (not of the city's) broke down on Crescent Rd. or when an icy glaze caused a traffic jam on Greenbelt Rd. By and large, however, the city weathered the snowfall well. Or to quote city manager Jim Giese "A fine job. I inspected the streets... and I felt that in general they were in good shape."

JCC MEETING, LECTURE

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County will meet on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 7:15 p.m. A slide lecture, "A Visit to the Soviet Union" with Dr. William Perl narrating, will highlight the meeting.

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Joseph Cawley Honored

Army Specialist Joseph T. Cawley has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for heroism in Vietnam.

On Aug. 22, 1966, Cawley's unit was participating in an armored column movement along a heavily mined road. He was on a tank behind an Engineer dump truck full of men when the truck was destroyed by a 250 pound bomb. Although he had witnessed many explosions that morning and was well aware of what could happen if another mine should explode or sniper fire should erupt from the rubber plantation, he dismounted his tank and ran along the heavily mined road to the scene of the explosion to help in the recovery of the wounded and in the administering of first aid. Specialist Cawley's outstanding display of courage reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, the 25th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Cawley, 23, a former resident of Greenbelt, attended St. Hugh's School, DeMatha, and High Point High Schools. He spent 2 years in Germany with the 4th Armored Division before volunteering for duty in Viet Nam. He was discharged in October and is employed by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland.

Police Blotter

In the case of the missing skunk who answers to the name of Flower the abductor flung Flower back into her master's quarters (Springhill Lake) at 2:30 a.m.? Too sweet or not too sweet?

In the breaking and entry case reported last week, the missing wallet was recovered Sunday on the south-bound lane of the B-W Parkway, south of the Good Luck overpass. Still missing are a stereo and two cameras.

Missing items this week include a \$600 color TV taken from an apartment. No forced entry (Chief Lane urges apartment residents to install burglar proof locks; most newer apartments can be entered with just a plastic playing card). . . . A glass coin bank taken from a bureau drawer - house unlocked (Chief Lane suggests that it is wise to lock doors even when away a short time, and not to leave keys in garbage closets or other easy-to-find places) . . . A '66 Oldsmobile - it had been repossessed - please be sure your payments are up to date before you notify police that your car has been stolen."

Late commuters rushing to their jobs have created a speeding problem on Ridge Road and on Crescent Road especially in the school zones. Chief Lane would like to remind residents that the city speed limit is 25 m.p.h. It is reduced to 15 m.p.h. in school zones. If the speeding continues, Chief Lane promised to borrow radar equipment from the state in an effort to slow down drivers.

Greenbelt has finally received its new teletype machine. This means that the city can now communicate with other police departments in the entire metropolitan area and by relay with the State Police and a 13 state network.

Be on the lookout for the following stolen cars: 1966 Pontiac GTO, dark green, Md. tags FH 2047 and 1964 Pontiac Tempest, expired Md. tags AM 9540.

Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Congratulations to High Point's "Its Academic" team who emerged victorious over Groveton and T. C. Williams Senior High Schools last Saturday. The program, with High Pointers Ruth Amberg, 6-E Hillside, Alan Abrams and Carl Vogel will be seen on T.V. in April. Team sponsor is Katherine Keene, 6-H Hillside.

Condolences to Mrs. Shirley Evans, 19-U Ridge, who lost her husband, Don, last week.

Greenbelters will miss long-time GHI employee, James Brown, who passed away last week. Our sympathy to his wife, Marie, and children.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Hauser, 9116 Edmonston. Cheryl Lynn made her debut Jan. 20 weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz.

It's a girl for Harold and Jeanne Allen Heatwole, 430 Ridge. Susan Gayl weighed in at 6 lb. 3 oz. on Dec. 31. Susan's first visitors were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Allen and Mrs. Heatwole, Sr., all from Harrisonburg, Va.

Andy Morin, age 3, has a new baby sister. Sharon Anne arrived Dec. 29 weighing 6 lb., 6 oz. Sharon's parents are William and Margaret Morin, 7-C Plateau Pl.

The Anthony Cuticchia's, 6217 Springhill, have a new son, Anthony, Jr., born Dec. 28 weighing 8 lb., 9 oz.

For four years of outstanding service in the Marine Corps Reserve, Corporal Jason E. Javaras, 9-N Research Rd. received the Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal at squadron ceremonies held December 18.

Cpl. Javaras is a member of Marine Fighter Squadron 321 which drills one weekend a month at Andrews Air Force Base.

John W. Horstman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. Horstman of 20M Ridge Rd., has been promoted to airman second class in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Horstman is an administrative specialist at Castle AFB, Calif. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command, America's

Junior Highlights

by Laura Rexon

Action and activity are the current words at Greenbelt Junior High School.

The student council recently sponsored a clash day. Students were encouraged to wear clashing colors, designs, and hair styles. The outcome was a day of weird concoctions, and loads of fun.

Anxiety can be sensed as the basketball team moves towards its seventh victory. With but one loss, our team will take first place in the interscholastic basketball program. In addition, the Greenbelt J.H.S. chess team swept every event at the match in Beltsville on Jan. 31.

To add to the excitement and school spirit of this season, the Future Homemakers of America are selling Greenbelt buttons. These one and one half inch, green and white buttons are lettered in gold and add much to the school day.

The Bear News, Greenbelt Junior High's school newspaper, and its staff were among nineteen schools to attend the convention held in Baltimore. Members were given an opportunity to participate in various forms of newspaper writing. The entire team won a third place rating.

Cupid's Carousel, the annual Valentine Day dance, will be held Friday, Feb. 17. As the largest dance of the year, students are asked to dress in semiformal wear. To highlight the evening, a king and queen, selected by the student body, will be crowned.

Recently ninth grade civics teachers have been taking a special course in lawmaking sponsored jointly by the Justice Department and the Md. Board of Education. They, and the five other county schools participating, will present this unit. Greenbelt will commence this unit on March 6. The course will consist of lectures, films with talks given by actual criminals, and field trips, to name but a few of the many activities.

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